GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:219
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2001
PRIVATISATION OF ILD TELEPHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise the International long distance (ILD) telephone services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 219 FOR 6th AUGUST, 2001 REGARDING PRIVATISATION OF ILD TELEPHONE SERVICES.

With the termination of monopoly of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) on International Voice Services on 31st March, 2002, it will be possible to allow private sector to provide such services. Accordingly, in accordance with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997, the recommendations of the regulator have been sought, based on which new service provider will be inducted.